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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PORG, UG, XA
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: UGANDA

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG
APRIL 7, UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KEBE MBAYE
SAID HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT DELAY IN APPOINTMENT OF
DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN TO VISIT UGANDA UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES
AS MANDATED BY MOST RECENT SESSION IN GENEVA. MBAYE
SAID THAT FIRST TWO CHOICES OF UNSYG, NIGERIANS CHIEF
ADEBO AND FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE ADEMOLA, DID NOT ACCEPT.
TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED ARE
JUSTICE ONYEAMA OF NIGERIA, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COURT OF APPEALS OF CAMEROON. KEBE MBAYE SAID HE IS
BEGINNING TO FEEL DISTINGUISHED AFRICANS MAY SHUN THIS
JOB FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE SAID PRESIDENT AMIN HAS
ESTABLISHED INTERNAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MADE UP
OF UGANDAN CIVIL SERVANTS WHO HAVE MANDATE TO MAKE
INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.
MBAYE FEARS THAT IF THERE IS FURTHER DELAY IN NAMING
OF UN REPRESENTATIVE UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES, AMIN WILL
ATTEMPT TO DECLARE HIS OWN INTERNAL WHITEWASH AS
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SUFFICIENT. KEBE MBAYE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH
AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN THE HOPE THAT USG MIGHT BE ABLE
EXERT APPROPRIATE PRESSURE ON NIGERIA IN VIEW OF OUR
NEW EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP REFLECTED BY
PREIDENTIAL VISIT. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MADE NO COMMITMENT,
BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MBAYE'S BRIEFING.

2. FOREGOING DRAFTED AFTER AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S DEPARTURE
AND WAS NOT CLEARED BY HIM.
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